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The sun comes up and the sun goes down, And the days and the nights are the same one;

ar grows grees and the year gr And what is it all, when all is dobe? Grains of sombre or shining sand, Sliding into and out of the hand.

And men go down in ships to the sees, And a hundred ships are the same as one; And backward and forward blows the breeze; And what is it all, when all is done? tide with never a shore in sight, Setting heavily on to the night.

The fisherman droppeth his not in the stream And a handred streams are the same as one; And a maiden dreameth her love lit dream, The net of the fisher the burden breaks, And after dreaming, the dreamer wakes.

THE PEAR!

Its Culture in Western Texas.

BY G. ONDERDONK, OF THE MISSION VALLEY NURSERIES.

Pruning should be attended to, but not that senseless plan of cutting indiscriminately anything to "reduce the top." Let the indications of nature govern the pruning. Nature here indicates a preference for a low top, even standards, while dwarfs should everywhere be headed low. Then take off the tips of the tallest shoots if they attempt to run up too high. Let the branches run out low. If the tres branch within a foot or eighteen inches of the ground so much the better In the winter cut out all limbs tho bodies of which come in contact with each other, or from their position and direction are likely to do so. Train the branches upward and outward. Whenever a limb is to be shortened be careful to cut it just above a bud that, from its position, will start in the direction desired. A dwarf pear tree should never get more than six or eight feet high. A standard may grow

proportionally high. If any fruit shows itself before the third year after planting remove it ut once. During the fourth year a few pears, say six or eight, might be allowed to remain. During the fifth year more fruit may be left, according tothe strength of the tree. By the seventh or eighth year the tree may be well loaded without injury, but eyen then it will be found to pay well to thin the fruit considerably, as the remaining pears are so much finer, and the tree should not be overtaxed. The thinning should be done when the fruit is as large as the little finger. Of course we are speaking of dwarf trees, as standards will not bear so young.

I am often asked whether it is best depends upon the designs of the planter. The dwarf trees will bear young and die of old age before the standards have become fully grown. My dwarfs, planted seven years ago are now loaded with fruit, while the standards planted at the same time have only from five to fifteen pears each. But when the dwarfs are dead and forgotten the standards will be in all vigor of growth, and annually bless their owner with their burdens of fruit. I have fallen into the practice of planting both dwarf and standard upon the same plot, according to the following diagram. It will be seen that each standard is between two dwarfs, and that when the dwarfs have died of old age the standards will constitute a complete orchard. Moreover, the dwarfs make the plot remunerative after the fourth year of planting till they have done their work, when the standards will require the whole ground, and will repay the owner. I prefer 12x12 feet-10x10 is often adopted.

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It is not determined at what age the dwarf will fail here. Capt. Jones' orchard of dwarfs, bear Gonzales, is now twenty years old and still produc-

I will close by reviewing my own ex-I started a few pear trees in a pursery |- Denison News.

country, but merely intending to test the possibility of success. In 1876 I planted three dwarf trees as the beginning of my pear orchard. At the auggestion of Maj. Phillips, I visited Capt. Jones, of Gonzales county, and examined his orchard, then thirteen years old. The sight of his thrifty and productive trees gave me such eacouragement that I felt willing to exeties that he had found most successful. I have from time to time added to the list, till I have about forty varieties. I planted a few trees annually, until in 1876 I had an orchard of about one hundred pear trees. In the mean time I have visited Capt. Jones' orchard every year and watched carefully its history. Capt Jones and myself have constituted a pomological society of which we were the sole members. We have corresponded frequently and met every year, have compared experiences, exchanged sugges tions and studied together. His older experience has been worth ten service to the people of Western Texbenefactor.

In 1877 my faith in pears for this region had become such that I extend. ed my pear orchard to five hundred trees, and now, such are the developments in favor of pear culture for profit here, I have resolved to increase my orchard to one thousand trees.

My oldest trees of Duchess de Angouleme, Washington, Andrews and Doyenne de Ete are very heavily loaded, with fruit, "Of the first named variety I seldom fail to raise samples measuring twelve inches in circumferance. Of the last named I have this year matured two hundred pears on my oldest tree of the variety, now six years planted. Many other varieties are increasingly productive-all varieties seem to be doing well. I have never yet found in my orchard a jority of the balance Washington and Mystery. It discussed Doyenne de Ete.

Still another important condition in A Woman Who Blue Degones pear culture is to break off the wind. This prevents the fruit from being whipped off by the wind, and the trees will be found to make a better growth. Where a row of evergreens is not objectionable, the Chinese arbor vita will make an excellent wind break. A good purpose is served by a single row of peach trees, ten or twelve feet apart all around the plot.

There are other considerations connected with pear culture which would occupy too much space for this article. Those who desire information upon this subject are referred to "Quinn on Pear Culture," and those who wish to see living and growing illustrations of success may reap encouragement from a visit to the orchard of Capt. Jones, in Gonzales, or my own trees at the Mission Valley Nurseries. Everybody is invited to come and see, I will except Sunday.

Mission Valley, June 5th, '78.

New York papers state that the unusual snow fall in that State has al most entirely stopped public travel and transportation. The snow is three feet on a level, and badly driftedequal to, if not worse than in 1871.

perience in pear culture here. In 1869 they have lost in brain representation, as is usual in such cases, an old rusty

row, having no faith in them for this LEWIS AND THE TORALD WIFE'S RIECE.

Starting for Rechester to De Nome Shopping, and Lands ing in Liverpool.

PENN YAN, N. Y., Jan. 16 .- For many years Leon Lewis of Pens. Yan was a story writer for the New York Ledger and other periodicals. His wife, Harriet Lowis, was also a poptend my experiments. Profiting by ular story writer. They acquired con-his experience I selected several vari-siderable property in Pean Yan, and took rank in social life. Their home was one of the finest in the place. A year ago Mrs. Lewis died and some months later Leon Lewis announced that he intended to begin the publication of a periodical in PenneYan modelled after Robert Bonner's New York Ledger. He got a large substription, and on the week before Christmas the Mystery appeared. Believing that his wife was still with him in the spirit, and was interested in the enterprise as much as though she were living, Lewis announced his dead wife as co-editor and publisher. The initial number of er experience has been worth ten the Mystery contained the opening years of time to me, as well as of vast chapter of a story purporting to have been written by Harrist Lewis. Leon's as. His valuable life and labors are introductory editorial article was a closed, and in him we have all lost a feeling eulogy of his late wife. It declored that she was in constant spiritual companionship with him, and that the "blessed hope of eventually enfolding her in his arms in heaven" was all that reconciled him to her death.

Only one number of the Mystery was printed. Miss Julia Wheelock, s niece of Harriet Lewis', bad become a special favorite of Leon Lewis'. On the Monday previous to Christmas Lewis and Miss Wheelock started for Penn Yao, with the understanding among their friends that they were going to Rochester to do some Christmas shopping. But the baggage manter checked nine trunks for them, and since their departure they have, not been seen in Pond Yand of

It has come out that Lewis and bisme sixteen year old companion arrived in New York on the day previous to the diseased pear tree, and fully believe sailing of the steamship Scythia, and that this is a good pear country. I that they took passage for Europe. think that this region will be found Lewis owes \$50,000 in Penn Yan. He adapted to a larger number of varieties leaves a property estimated to /be than most localities in which pear cul- worth \$20,000. This is a library and ture has been tested, I intend that the Mystery establishment. His rest one-half of my new planting shall be estate is mortgaged for more than its. of the Duchess de Angoleme, one half worth. It is said that he collected the remainder Andrews, and the ma- about \$20,000 in subscriptions to the

From the Rockland Cruster]

A writer in the Art Journal believes that American women are degenerating. The woman who lives next door furnished a sad example of this fact yesterday. She got up at four o'clock and built two fires, lugged four hods of coal from the cellar, did the week's washing for a family of of six before seven o'clock, prepared, the morning meal, impartially licked three small children and got them ready for school, potted several choice plants, let a black patch into the cupola of her husband's gray pants, read four chapters of a New York Ledger continued story, visited a neighbor and learned how to cut ber new cloak in the latest style, cooked a boiled dinner and chased a book agent out of the yard with a broom, and all before give my time to visitors upon any day twelve o'clock. The American woman is indeed degenerating.

Don't kill the tonds, they are the gardener's friends, from the fact that they are mortal enemies of insects.

Belton Journal: - A Mr. Robertson, lately from San Marcos, now living on the Lampesus, near Youngsport, in this county, was, we are sorry to hear, C. W. Geers, editor of the Denton so unfortunate as to lose one of his-Monitor, was defeated for the State children, a bright little boy, three Senate, and now takes revenge on the years old, who was killed by the accivoters of his district who went back dental discharge of a patol in the on him by publishing a phresological hands of another little boy, his brothchart of his head, to show them what er, eight years of age. The pistol was, lone, and no one supposed it loaded.